

HOUSE BILL 2622

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,  
relative to services provided by the department of  
children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-102, is amended by deleting the  
following language:

The focus of the services shall be to preserve the relationship between the child  
and the family by providing, whenever possible, services in the community where  
the child lives and by providing the services in a setting that is the least restrictive  
and, yet, the most beneficial.

and by substituting instead the following language:

In all cases, the focus of the services shall be to further the best interest of the  
child. Whenever possible, such services shall be provided in the community  
where the child lives and in a setting that is the least restrictive and, yet, the most  
beneficial to the child.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.